

March 25, 2010

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser

Also City Staff present:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Utilities Superintendent	-	Wayne Karstadt

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Approval of Invoices.**
- b. **Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

**4. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

Stacy Norris of the American Red Cross and Vernon Zinnermann chose to speak on respective agenda items.

**5. City Manager Report including Charter Street Water Improvements, EECBG Grant Application, Economic Indicators, Water System Flushing, Swimming Pool Cool Deck, Bonham Street Signage.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, which is attached to these minutes. In reference to the Charter Street Water Improvements, Mayor Dungen asked if utility customers would be without service. Mr. Warschak replied there would be cutoffs during tie overs.

**6. Discussion and Action Regarding Update of Local American Red Cross. (Glaeser)**

Carroll Rogers and Stacy Norris of the Local American Red Cross were present to discuss the services they offer. Their office is in La Grange but they service La Grange and Colorado County. They have responded to three fires in the area since November and six fires in Fayette County. They are currently offering First Aid Certification, Adult CPR, and Babysitting Training. They are currently in the midst of a major fund-raiser. Their goal is to raise \$16,000 by June 15. \$6,000 will go to fire aid and \$10,000 will go towards Americorp. They currently have raised \$3,700.

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7. **Discussion and Action Regarding Placing Vehicular Traffic Signs on Bonham Street and Neighboring Streets. (Warschak)**

Mr. Warschak showed a map of the proposed traffic signs on Bonham at Prairie Street and eliminating the yield signs. Mr. Zinnermann said the biggest problem was the traffic coming off of Fannin onto Bonham. A Council discussion ensued. Councilman Axel moved to add two 4-way stop signs, one at Houston and Prairie and one at Bonham and Prairie. Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

8. **Discussion and Action on Status of Document Request from Great Southern Wood Regarding Requirements of Promissory Note. (Wagner)**

Councilman Wagner asked if a request had been sent to Great Southern Wood Regarding the requirements of the Promissory Note. Patti Glaeser said she had been in contact with City Attorney, Ty Prause, but did not know if a request had been mailed. Councilman Schonenberg moved to table Agenda Item #8 until the next meeting. Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

9. **Discussion and Action Regarding Budget Amendment for Repairs on Fire Trucks. (Glaeser)**

Chief Walter Glaeser discussed the need for repairs on the pumper 1423. The pump on the truck is leaking. The fire department is asking for an additional \$2,500 for repairs. Councilman Tesch moved to approve the budget amendment for \$2,500. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

10. **Discussion and Action Regarding February Police Report. (Jackson)**

Police Chief Danny Jackson presented the February Police Report, which is attached to these minutes. Chief Jackson said Sgt. Tomas Ramirez has been rehired. He said he is accepting applications for the vacant position.

11. **Items from Councilmembers.**<sup>2</sup>

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel - no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg said he would like to look into selling the three acres on FM 806.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Wagner – no comment

12. **Announcements.**

There were no additional announcements.

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**13. Adjournment.**

Mayor Dungen adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

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Dwain K. Dungen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patti Glaeser, City Secretary

<sup>1</sup>During this agenda item, citizens may comment for the record on items, which are not on the agenda. However, the Council may not participate in discussion or deliberation on any item that is not on the agenda. Citizens may request that a topic be added to a future agenda.

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

<sup>2</sup>Limited to statements. Issues raised by councilmembers under this item cannot be deliberated by Council. The Open Meetings Act does not allow Council to deliberate items that don't appear on the agenda.

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